

REMARKS

Claims 15-24 and 27-34 are pending in the present application. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-19, 22-24, and 27-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to address the Examiner's concerns, and overcome this rejection. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-19, 22-24, and 27-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over applicant admitted prior art in view of Chow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,761) and Kocher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,278,783). The Examiner's comments concerning the deficiencies have been reviewed, and are well taken. Applicant is gathering the information necessary to prepare a supplemental declaration to address the missing information. Such a declaration will be submitted with a supplemental response before the end of the suspension period.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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